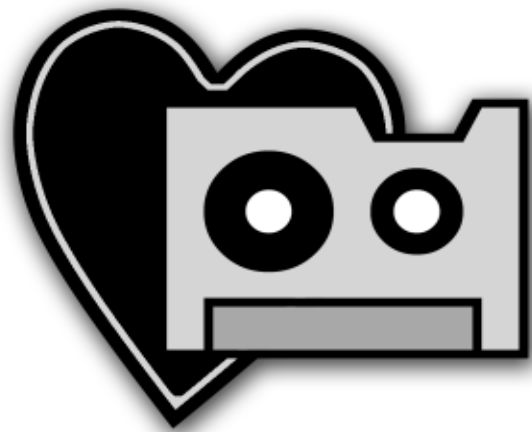


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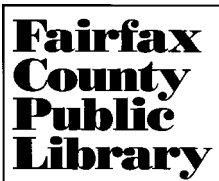
I Love my Talking Books! Or ...

1. My Talking Books are boring.
2. I never get the titles I want.
3. My cassette player doesn't work.



We like to think that all of our customers will jump up and shout, "I love my Talking Books." But, in case there are one or two of you that might instead offer comments 1, 2 or 3, we want to address your concerns. Each Talking Book and home delivery

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I Love my Talking Books! continued...

patron has been assigned a Reader's Adviser staff person at Access Services. You can ask for the name of your Reader's Adviser or talk to the person who answers the phone. If you're not receiving the kind of reading that you enjoy, call us. If your machine is not working properly, call us. You can also call and just say, "I love my Talking Books." We love books and we love to talk to our customers about books.

Breaking News:

As of Tuesday, September 14, 2004 funding for The Metropolitan Washington Ear has been restored to Fairfax County residents. This is a free newspaper reading service that may be accessed via telephone. For more information, please call Access Services at 703-324-8380.

Programs at the Fairfax County Public Library

Coping With Hearing Loss

Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing will present "Coping with Hearing Loss" at the Richard Byrd Library from 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. on November 6. Assisted listening for amplification will be available. To register, get directions, or request a sign language interpreter call the branch at 703-451-8055 or TTY 703-324-8365. Requests for sign language interpretation must be made two weeks in advance.

Family Elder Issues

Inova HealthSource will present a program entitled "From Conflict to Opportunity: Mediating Family Elder Issues" from 10:00-noon on Saturday November 13 at the Sherwood Regional Library. To register call Inova HealthSource at 703-204-3366 or visit www.inova.org. Click on "Health Info and Classes" and then "Search for HealthSource and Other Classes." You will receive a confirmation within one day. This workshop will be led by a professional mediator who will present techniques to use in resolving family conflicts over elder issues. To request assisted listening or an interpreter, call the branch at 703-765-3645 or TTY 703-324-8365 at least two weeks before the program.

Friends of Access Services

Access Services staff is meeting in October to consider starting an Access Services Friends group. Call Jeanette Studley at 703-324-8390 if you are interested in participating in a steering committee or offering suggestions and assistance.

Newsline

Newsline provides free access to computer-read audio versions of daily newspapers throughout the United States. The National Federation of the Blind makes *Newsline* available to Virginia residents who cannot read regular newsprint. You may register at their website, www.nfb.org or by calling Access Services.

Bookshare

In cooperation with the National Federation of the Blind (NFB), www.Bookshare.org now makes available full text downloads of the newspapers and magazines found on NFB *Newsline*.

President Bill Clinton's new autobiography, *My Life*, is also available on Bookshare.org. *My Life* will soon be available in Talking Books, both full text (RC 58100) and abridged (RC 58101).

Children's Braille Book Club

Print/Braille children's books for preschool through third grade are available from National Braille Press. These books contain regular print and illustrations with Braille on transparent pages. You can purchase individual books or a subscription to NBP's Children's Book Club. For more information visit www.nbp.org or call 1-800-548-7323.

Of course, if you are a Talking Book user you may borrow Print/Braille books from Access Services. They will be sent to you free of charge. We call this format TwinVision. Call us for more information.

Adult Vision Loss

A free seminar sponsored by the Old Dominion Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired will provide information to anyone affected by vision loss. There will be exhibits and information about devices to assist you with independent living, work and leisure activities. You will have an opportunity to participate in a panel discussion with others who have lost their vision, as well as hear medical updates from Dr. Fred Goldberg, an optometrist. The seminar will be held from 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. on October 1 at the Hilton Tysons McLean Hotel, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean.

Class on Speechreading And Communication Strategies

Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons (NVRC) will be offering "Speechreading and Communication Strategies" starting September 23. For more information call NVRC at 703-352-9055 (voice) or 703-352-9056 (TTY).

Relay Systems

The NOVA1 chapter of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) and NVRC will co-sponsor a three-part workshop on relay systems. Learn more about the latest communication technology at NVRC, on Saturdays, September 11, October 9, and November 13.

On November 9, Jodee L. Hecht, CPA, will speak on "Hearing 'Aids' For Your Taxes." Learn about taking full advantage of medical expenses on your tax return. For more information, contact David Crocker at 703-860-5066 V/TTY or e-mail crocker3@verizon.net.

AOL Services for Users With Disabilities

America Online announced an instant messenger relay service for users who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability. AIM Relay Service will let users place relay calls using their AOL Buddy List or AIM Buddy List feature. The service is accessed from any PC or device running AOL services and is free for AOL members and Apple Computer's iChat users. Thanks to the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board for this up-to-date information.

Accessible Movies in Alexandria

AMC Hoffman Center 22, located across the street from the Eisenhower Metro Station, has installed an audio description system for persons who are blind and rear window captions for hearing impaired persons in one of its auditoriums. To reserve a head set or rear window captioning device, call the theater at 703-236-1083.

Calling All Ski Buffs

Ski for the Light, Inc. is a program of cross-country skiing for blind, visually-impaired and mobility-impaired individuals and their guides. For more information about upcoming winter activities and an online application, visit www.sfl.org. Contact them at Ski for the Light, Inc., 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408 or call 612-827-3232.

MetroAccess Customers Ride Free

The Fairfax Area Disability Services Board reports that effective Sunday, June 27, 2004 any MetroAccess customer and one person who accompanies the customer may ride Metrobus and Metrorail free during an 18-month trial period. You must be registered with MetroAccess. To take advantage of this program or to obtain information, please call MetroAccess at 301-562-5370 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays.

Preparing for an Emergency

The Fairfax Area Disability Services Board has a new publication entitled *Preparing for an Emergency* that provides practical advice in three basic planning areas. This document is available in alternative formats by calling 703-324-5421 or TTY 703-449-1186. You can also request a cassette version of *Northern Virginia Home Guide to Emergency Preparedness*, published by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, from Access Services.

Spruce Up for Winter

The Home Repair for the Elderly Program provides minor home repairs and maintenance to eligible low and moderate income elderly and/or disabled homeowners. Fairfax County will provide a crew to do up to one week's labor and provide up to \$500 in materials to complete necessary repairs and maintenance. These materials and work are paid for by County and Federal funds. All materials and labor for the work done under this program are provided completely free of charge to eligible homeowners. For more information or to request an application call 703-246-5154 (voice) or 703-385-3578 (TTY).

The Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority

(FCRHA) also administers a Home Improvement Loan Program. They will provide technical assistance and low interest loans for most home improvement projects. To find out if you qualify and to receive an application, call 703-246-5155 (voice) or 703-385-3578 (TTY).

Loud and Clear Format

We hope you are enjoying this quarterly newsletter. You may be receiving this in print or on tape. If you would be more comfortable with a different format, these are your options:

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